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Testimony
Early Voting
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Good morning, members of the Committees and Commissions.

I am Peter Wrampe from Wilton, and I would like to congratulate you on addressing the issue of Early Voting.

Let me be perfectly clear: I am in favor of Early Voting!

However, the devil is in the details. From my perspective, the proposed 10, 14, or 19 days are too long.

I believe a 3-to-4-day period is more efficient and less costly, especially for the numerous small towns, such as Wilton. Thus, I would like to propose four consecutive days, starting on the Saturday before election day and continuing until Tuesday.

I am also in favor of no-excuse absentee voting for various reasons – health issues, business travel, etc.

If you combine these two recommendations you would have the best, most flexible situation.

I would also like to encourage you to reinstitute the requirement for photo ID to prevent voter fraud during the extended voting period.

Additionally, ther4e needs to be funding for Early Voting. Please, do not an unfunded mandate!

Thank you for listening and serving Connecticut and this bi-partisan committee. I trust you will give my thoughts and recommendation due consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Peter Wrampe